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AUGUST



AUGUST brings us the County Fair
and hot dog days so hard to bear.
We might as well leave town behind
and in the desert go to find
perhaps a token dropped years past
by some mining enthusiast!

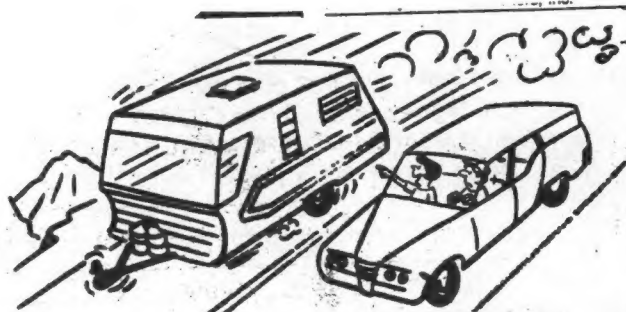


In old South Camp we're sure to see
Relics of ancient history.
But, best of all, we'll visit too
With NUTS friends, both old and new.

So, join us there all who can
For September First make your plan.
The map on Page 6 is easy to read
And our Wagonmaster will be there to lead.!

If it works right the first
time, you're obviously
done something wrong!
Every minute you are angry,
you lose 60 minutes of happiness.

We don't inherit the earth
from our grandparents; we
borrow it from our children.



"Look! There goes a trailer just like ours"



1. The Club (Park City) token, round, brass, 5¢, R-1
2. Chesapeake (SLC) Token, round , brass, R-1
3. Browning Auto Co. \$10.00 off any car, round, brass R-2
4. Ward's Dairy, (St. George) good for 1 quart,
round, aluminum R-3
5. Spriggs & Crooks (Park City), Round, brass, 5¢ R-4

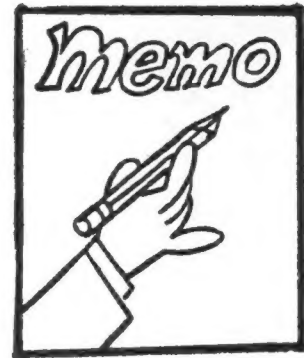
How many of you "coinshooters" ever thought of using your metal detectors in the mud? Yes, that's what I said, MUD! An article in LOST TREASURE magazine, July, 1984 issue, by Con B. Fox, details some hunting he did following the Flood of '83 in Bountiful, Utah.

Most of what he found was deep within some bushes and quite probably could have been found before the flood had anyone dared the thorns on the bushes to locate them. According to Mr. Fox, he found wheat pennies and silver dimes and quarters--in fact, he says at one point he actually got tired of digging wheaties! Now that, I find hard to believe!

His method of preparing to tackle the bushes (which were probably pyracantha from his description) was to wear a heavy coat even though the temperature was in the 90's and to take some cutters with to cut back some of the bushes. Naturally one would not wish to cut back bushes in most areas unless permission had been given and although he says the spot was an "old Mormon church" he doesn't say whether it was abandoned or not. He also checked over his own yard and found several coins and some little metal toy cars. He doesn't say whether he felt these had washed in with the flood water but it sounds like it.

So, if you know anyone who was unlucky enough to get their yard flooded by mud last year (or this year), maybe it would be a good place to do a little detecting!





FROM OUR PRESIDENT....

Dear NUTS,

I heard there was a token found at Winter Quarters on August 4th. I hope Bryan Moulton (who found it) will show it to us at the next club meeting on August 23rd.

I talked to Irv Ratcliffe who attended the American Numismatics Association show back in Detroit about the first week in August. He said it was slim pickings as far as tokens were concerned. He did find a few tokens and medals but he said it wasn't worth the cost of the air fare.

Buying and selling tokens has been slow these summer months because of vacations, etc. But when the weather cools down, things will begin to pick up.

Our speaker for this month's meeting will be Warren Anderson of Distinctive Documents, Orem, Utah. Warren deals in stocks, bonds, scrip, and like such. His address is P.O.Box 1475, Orem, Utah 84057. Let's give him a warm welcome and everybody come out.

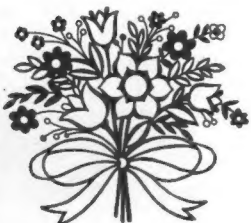
Also at the next meeting we will talk about some of the upcoming events. We will also discuss in more detail the medals that the club may produce.

Hope to see all of you who possibly can attend at this meeting.

Bob Campbell
President

In the ILL HEALTH department, we still have A. J. Carlson on the sick list. Hope you are improving, A.J., and will soon be back with us.

Also ill is Teresa Wilson (wife of our Wagonmaster, George Wilson). Teresa was hospitalized a couple of weeks ago with thrombo-phlebitis. George brought her home on Friday, August 3rd, but she will have to spend a lot of time off her feet and resting which isn't easy with 3 little ones at home. Our thoughts are with you, Teresa, and the Editor, at least, knows how you feel 'cause she's been there!





THE STAR DISTRICTS - BEAVER COUNTY'S FIRST SILVER MINES



When today's treasure hunter or historian thinks of boom towns of Beaver County, they naturally think of the towns of Frisco and Newhouse. But nearly five years before the discovery of the Horn Silver, Beaver County was already well known for it's boom towns and silver mines.

Beaver County's first silver mine was actually the re-opening of an old Spanish mine. In 1858, Mormon settlers had begun operation on what they believed to be a lead mine. Most of the "lead" was cast into bullets which, in turn, were shipped to Salt Lake City and other settlements in Utah, and, as these bullets found their way into "Gentile" hands, many remarked as to the extreme hardness of the bullets. Soon the bullets were melted down and assayed by curious prospectors who were told that they had a very low lead content and were nearly pure silver! Before long, stories were being told that the Mormons were using silver bullets because it was so abundant and thus began the silver rush years in Southern Utah.

The original discoveries around the Lincoln mine in the Lincoln district could not contain the miners as they set out to explore the surrounding hills. The district that grew to be the largest in terms of population and claims was the Star District.

The original Star District was 12 miles square and situated on the Picacho Range, a few miles southwest of Milford. The district was organized on July 8, 1870 but by November 11, 1870, the number of claims and residents had grown to the point that the Star District was split into two parts--known as the North and South Star Districts. In the North Star were the towns of Star City, near the Osceola Mine; Elephant City, near the Vicksburg; and Shenandoah City, near the Wild Bill.

The South Star District was the big producer. The records of the district showed 1046 claims and it had the two largest camps in the area. The histories of Shauntie and South Camp are sketchy at best, but some things are known about these long forgotten places. The boom days of the South Star District were 1870-1876 and though the boom years were short, many of the mines were steady producers until shortly after World War II.

Shauntie grew up around the Moscow mine. The Moscow, along with its neighbors the Red Warrior, Coronation, Bonsoldat, Hub, Mowitsa, Progressive and others produced the wealth that drew people to Shauntie.

In 1873, ore was being produced at such a rate that a smelter was built in town. By the spring of 1874, the smelter proved to be too small and a larger 20 ton capacity smelter was built. This one burned down in 1875.

By 1876, Shauntie was a bustling community. Forty homes had been built and its businesses and saloons showed the signs of a boom town as gold and silver changed hands. This year also ended the boom at Shauntie. A fire of unknown origin swept through the town destroying it totally. No sooner had the ashes cooled when the citizens set about rebuilding but the town was never the same. Soon after the fire, the ore veins began to play out. Almost as quickly as it had begun, Shauntie was reclaimed by the western desert.

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THE STAR DISTRICTS (continued from page 4)

Shauntie wasn't the only boom town in the South Star district. Another town which began around the Wasco Mine in 1874 became known as the wildest of all camps. This was South Camp where every possible vice could be found and it drew all kinds of people. Among them was the outlaw, Tom McCarthy. Tom was raised on a farm near Manti (Sanpete Co.) and soon decided he didn't want anything to do with farm life. Up at dawn, working in the dirt until dark, wasn't what he wanted. One day, Tom stole the fastest horse in the county and headed for the silver camps of Southern Utah.

Before long, Tom was in South Camp, out of money, and, as far as he could see, mining wasn't any better than farming. All he had now was his horse, saddle and his father's pistol so the next step was obvious. The stage line ran from Milford to the Star District mine camps, then on to the camps of Eastern Nevada. Going west, the stage passengers carried full wallets; going east, the stage carried the mail and, frequently, carried gold and silver from the mines. It wasn't long before Tom McCarthy, farmer and horse thief, became Tom McCarthy, stage robber. Soon he was well known and when he wasn't robbing stages, he could usually be found in one of South Camp's saloons. No one was foolish enough to try to take Tom in either. He stood well over six foot tall and was lightning fast with a gun but even the wild town of South Camp couldn't have a known criminal in town so they sent for the law.

Within a few days, the Deputy Sheriff from Milford, and "Billy" Sackett, a Constable from Frisco, were on their way to South Camp. In South Camp, the two men told everyone they were prospectors headed for the Nevada diggings, but as Tom McCarthy watched the two strangers he could tell they weren't prospectors because they had no prospecting equipment. That night, Tom listened through the cracks in the old shanty where the two men were staying and heard them bragging to each other how they would capture McCarthy at his hideout (west of the Star Range) and bring him back to South Camp in chains. Of course, Tom had other plans. When the lawmen arrived at the hideout, Tom got the drop on them and took their horses, guns, and boots and locked them in their own chains. As he rode away he turned and called out, "Have a nice walk back to South Camp, and don't forget to tell everybody who put them chains on ya!" No one really knows what happened to Tom McCarthy but he lives on in Utah's folklore as one of her most infamous characters.

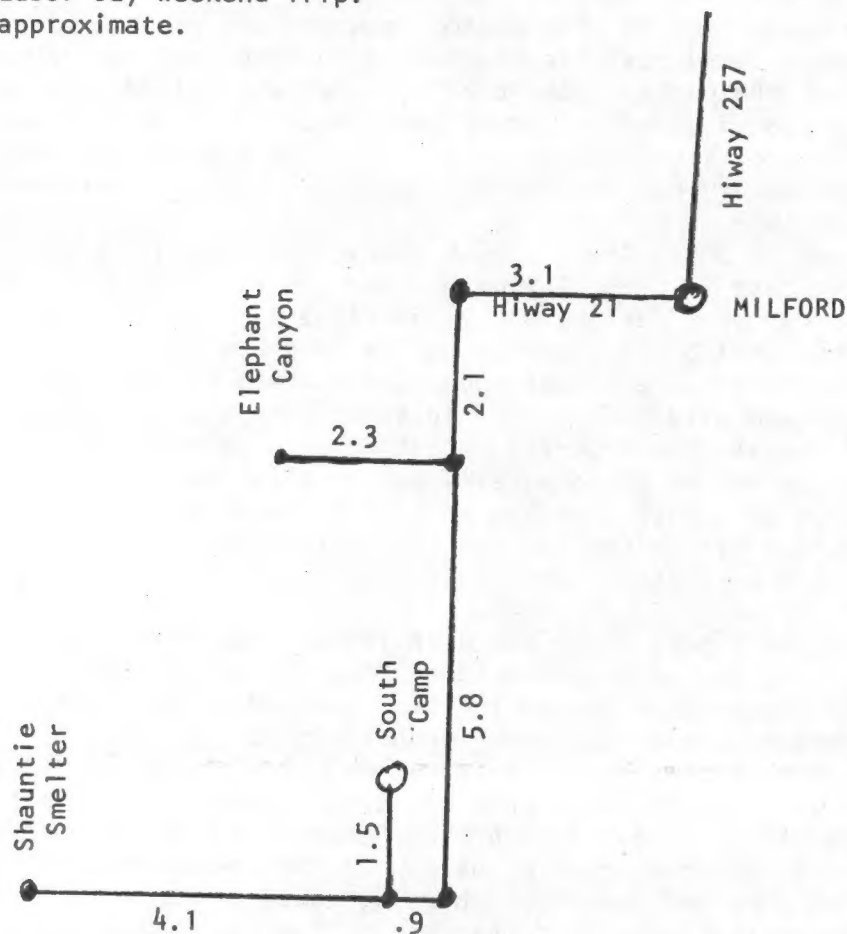
On September 1st, 2nd and 3rd (Labor Day weekend), we will be staying at South Camp and exploring the Star District. If you would like to travel in convoy, we will be leaving the Redwood Multipurpose Center at 7:00 A.M. SHARP. If you prefer to travel alone or just want to spend a day in the Star District, the road to South Camp begins at the junction of Hiway 257 and Hiway 21 in Milford.

In Milford, turn WEST on Hiway 21, follow the road for 3.1 miles, turn LEFT onto the dirt road. Follow the dirt road for 2.1 miles and you will see an old ore car that reads "Grubstaker, Inc"--this is the road to Elephant Canyon and the Vicksburg mine but DON'T turn yet. Go on 5.8 miles further south, the road that turns to the RIGHT is the Shauntie road. Follow the Shauntie road .9 miles to the South Camp road. Turn to the RIGHT and follow this road for about 1.5 miles and you will be in sight of old South Camp. On the following page is a rough map to help you. I expect to be in South Camp and hope to see many of you there.

George Wilson, Wagonmaster



Map for Labor Day Weekend Trip.
Mileage approximate.



This looks like a good place to draw your attention to a proposed By-law which was mentioned briefly in the May and June issues of Token Hunter. This By-law will eventually be brought to a vote by the entire membership whenever the rest of the By-laws are ready. In the meantime, the Executive Board feels it should be adhered to as a Gentleman's Agreement.

"When any member is searching an area and has found something of interest or value, that member has the right to continue the search ALONE unless he/she specifies otherwise. Other members should give the first member at least a 15 foot circle from the original find as common courtesy until he/she states that the area is open to all members and that he/she is through searching the area and wants to share it with other members.

This By-law should be upheld by all members unless two or more members, or the entire club, have made prior arrangements to search an area as a team or group. In this case, a decision as to what shall be done with recovered articles should be made BEFORE the search begins."

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Our regular meeting begins at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, August 23rd at the Redwood Multipurpose Center and usually closes around 9:00 p.m. Our speaker for August will be Warren Anderson (see the President's Message, Page 3) so plan to attend. We've been trying to get him for several months and we are sure you will find it interesting.

Don't forget--Labor Day weekend is our last trip of the season. The more we have, the merrier we'll be!! See you all at South Camp!

The trip to Winter Quarters was an interesting one for your editor. For the first time in several years, I was able to walk the distance from the main road UP HILL on a dirt road to the ghost town. I think my speed was about 1 mile an hour but I made it!! And, I enjoyed it--especially the chance to see wildflowers up close, and birds I hadn't seen before. My only "find" was an old fork but that's okay, the others had better luck. I'm not sure what all was found but Bruce Robison found 4 tool checks and Bryan Moulton found a Wasatch Store Company token. John Attebury also found a tool check. Harold Franke and Lance Johnson were there also so better ask them what they found. We left Saturday evening to come back to SLC so any of them COULD have found a real treasure!



October 18th is the date of the next club Auction. Following are the rules which must be followed to make this a fun experience for all.

1. We will limit the total number of lots to 25 or so.
2. No more than 5 lots per person.
3. First come, first served. So get your items or a list to Edith BY October 5th at the latest so it can be put in the Oct. paper.
4. Remember, items valued at less than \$1.00 will not be accepted. No junk, please.
5. For a minimum reserve protection bid you will owe the club 5% if the item doesn't sell. On anything sold, you owe the club 10%.

Let's follow the rules and enjoy a
GREAT AUCTION!



* * THE MARKETPLACE * *

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